

State Plans to End Hunger: An Opportunity for Colorado

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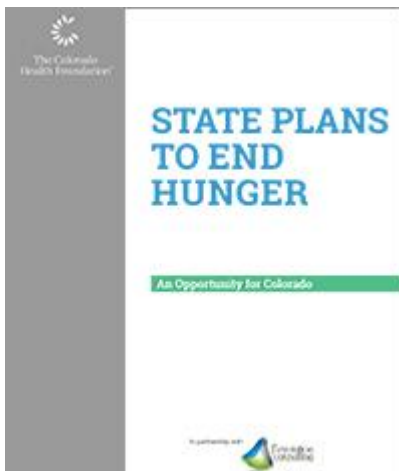
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This white paper summarizes efforts to mitigate hunger in other states.



Research demonstrates that states committed to ending hunger through the development of a “state plan” or “blueprint” are more likely to achieve their goals, or at a minimum, vastly improve their performance. The most successful states have high-level executive support from their state public health and social services departments, influential anti-hunger organizations and their governor’s office.

This white paper reviews three states that have developed blueprints to end hunger: Oregon, Maryland and Pennsylvania. While other states have developed fragmented plans for addressing aspects of food insecurity, these three states have developed comprehensive and collaborative blueprints to elevate the issue and the systemic, programmatic and fiscal solutions necessary to end hunger. The outcomes of the plans – as well as the processes for developing the plans – are summarized. Additionally, interviews with key advocates in two states are included for commentary on the process.